

**Amendments to the claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)
8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a skin condition arising from fungal infection, bacterial infection, allergic reaction, or inflammation in a patient in need thereof comprising ~~the step of~~ topically administering an effective amount of a semi-solid composition formulated for topical administration, said composition consisting essentially of comprising a purified polyunsaturated fatty acid fraction extracted from *Nigella sativa* L. seeds and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein said polyunsaturated fatty acid fraction consists of polyunsaturated fatty acids and is free of *Nigella sativa* L. saturated fatty acids, sterols, volatile oils, and glycerol esters.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the semi-solid composition has skin moisturizing, revitalizing, and analgesic effects.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the skin condition is selected from the group consisting of psoriasis, eczema, dermatitis, dry, scaly, itchy or flaky skin, diaper rash, athlete's foot, jock itch, scalp irritations, and dermal infections.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Canceled)
14. (Canceled)
15. (Canceled)
16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)
18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[26]~~ 9, wherein the polyunsaturated fatty acid fraction is present in an amount ranging from about 15 to about 28% by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the total composition.
19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[18]~~ 9, wherein the polyunsaturated fatty acid fraction is present in an amount ranging from about 18 to about 25% by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the total composition.
20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[34]~~ 9, wherein the polyunsaturated fatty acid fraction is present in an amount ranging from about 20 to about 23% by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the total composition.
21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the composition further comprises at least one compound selected from the group consisting of an emulsifying agent, a stabilizing agent and a preservative.
22. (Canceled)
23. (Canceled)
24. (Canceled)
25. (Canceled)
26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the semi-solid composition contains from about 1 to about 33% by weight polyunsaturated fatty acid fraction, based on 100% by weight of the total composition.
27. (Canceled)
28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the polyunsaturated fatty acid fraction consists essentially of octadecadienoic acid and octadecenoic acid.
29. (Previously Presented) The methods of claim 28, wherein the octadecadienoic acid is present in the polyunsaturated fatty acid fraction in an amount ranging from about 60.7 to about 72.6% by weight, and the octadecenoic acid is present in the polyunsaturated fatty acid fraction in an amount ranging from about 23.8 to about 29.7% by weight.